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Examiner and made of record in the above-referenced application. Copies of the listed  
documents are enclosed.

1. Saravanabhavan et al. (2003) "Green solution for tannery pollution: effect of enzyme base lime-free unhairing and fibre opening in combination with pickle-free chrome tanning", *Green Chemistry* 5: 707-714.
2. Thanikaivelan et al. (2003) "Stepping into third millenium: third generation leather processing - a three step tanning technique", *Journal of the American Leather Chemists Association* 98: 173-184.
3. Thanikaivelan et al. (2001) "Development of leather processing method in narrow ph profile: Part. 2. Standardisation of tanning process", *Journal of the Society of Leather Technologists and Chemists* 85: 106-115.
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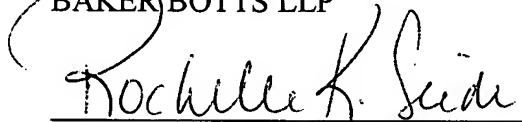
Enclosed is foreign language reference, Herfeld et al. (Ref. #7). Applicants submit that there is no readily available English language translation corresponding to Herfeld et al.

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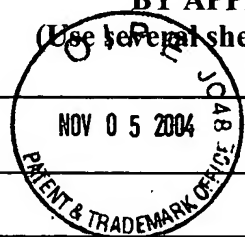
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